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latter seems more probable, however, since the detrimental effects may often be prevented by aeration.

Contrary to popular belief, then, it appears that the purer and more sterile the waters may be, so long as they contain sufficient food, the more suitable they are for Anopheles breeding. This would seem to account for the fact that rain-water puddles and seepage pools frequently permit much more prolific breeding than near-by, stagnant waters. It also serves to emphasize the danger of doing more harm than good by cleaning the refuse from such places as sloughs and stagnant puddles, unless adequate provision is made for subsequent drainage, oiling, fish control, or some other method of mosquito eradication.

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LOCATION OF DETENTION HOSPITALS.

COURT DECIDES THAT BOARD OF HEALTH CAN NOT LOCATE AND MAINTAIN A DETENTION HOSPITAL IN A THICKLY SETTLED RESIDENTIAL SECTION.

A board of health can not establish and maintain a detention hospital for the treatment of communicable diseases in a thickly settled residential district. This is the decision in a case[1] decided by the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Suit was brought to restrain the maintenance of a detention hospital in a residential district by the board of health of the city of Lansing. The city charter provided as follows:

> The said board of health shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to take such measures as shall be deemed effectual to prevent the entrance of pestilential disease into the city, * * * to establish, maintain, and regulate a pesthouse or hospital at some place within the city or not exceeding 3 miles beyond its bounds.

The court in granting the injunction said:

> We conclude that the provisions of the charter under consideration do not vest in the defendant board of health the power to locate a pesthouse in a thickly settled residential district, where, by reason of its location, it would be a nuisance, and where its permanent maintenance would work continuing damage to adjoining and near-by property and would result in the destruction of the home in its comfort and well-being; and that the discretion lodged in the board is a discretion to be exercised by it in determining between different lawful locations.

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[1] Birchard et al. v. Board of Health of City of Lansing et al., 169 N. W., 901.